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From the French Camp before Mirandola, April 22. N. S.

THE 19th Inſtant at Night we opened our Trenches: We fired with Two Pieces of Cannon upon a ſmall Fort which was guarded by a few Imperialiſts, who endeavoured to retire into the Town, but were either killed or taken Priſoners. The 21ſt we finiſhed our Works, and made a Parallel Line; and we began to raiſe three Batteries of Cannon, and one of Mortars. We had that day 3 Men killed, and 7 wounded; among the latter a Captain and an Enginier. This day we advanced by the Sap to the foot of the Paliſadoes; and we intend this night to make a Lodgment there. We had this day 3 Men killed, and a Major, a Captain, and 6 private Men, wounded. Our Battery of Mortars will begin to play to morrow; the 3 Batteries of Cannon will be ready the next day; and we flatter our ſelves with Hopes, that by the beginning of next Month we may be Maſters of the Place; which yet is doubted by ſome, the Ditches being very deep, and filled with Water, and the Fortifications in a very good Condition.

Dreſden, May 6. The King of *Poland* has been indiſpoſed, but is now perfectly recovered. His Majeſty intends to go to morrow to *Leipſick*, and will be accompanied thither by the Prince of *Furſtemberg*, Governor of this Electorate, and by ſome other of his chief Miniſters. A Body of his Forces is ſhortly to encamp in *Luſatia*. Letters from *Sileſia* give an Account, That the King of *Sweden* was ſtill at *Rawitz*, and in all probability would not undertake any thing before the Arrival of conſiderable Reinforcements which his Majeſty expects from *Sweden*. In the mean time the Muſcovite Forces that are on the Borders of *Courland* encreaſe daily in Number; and they will ſhortly have a conſiderable Army in thoſe Parts.

Triers, May 6. The *French* attempted lately to ſurpriſe the Regiment of St. *Paul*, which was quartered near *Conſaerbruck*, but were repulſed; our Men purſued them as far as *Saar-Louis*, and, among other Priſoners, took Two Captains and a Surgeon-Major. The famous Party-man *La Croix* was lately near the *Moſelle*, with intent to have ſeized ſome Barks laden with Ammunition, which lay near *Coblentz*; He alſo ſent ſome of his Party over the River, to endeavour to bring away ſome Horſes which were grazing on the other ſide: But ſuch Care was taken, that he was diſappointed in both theſe Deſigns. The Count *de Noyelles*, upon Notice thereof, ſent out a Party of 500 Horſe to attack him; but the Enemy were retired before our Men could come up with them. Orders are given for a Draught to be made of 50 Men out of each Regiment of the Forces that are quartered in and about this Place, who are to encamp near *Conſaerbruck*: 10 or 12 Regiments are expected from the *Upper Rhine*, which will encamp within 3 or 4 Leagues of this Town. The *Daniſh* Forces, and thoſe of *Heſſe*, are to draw together towards *Dachſtoel* and *Birkenfeldt*.

Cologne, May 8. Letters from *Vienna* give an Account, That the Emperor was much better; and that publick Prayers were ſaid there, and in all other Places under his Imperial Majeſty's Dominion, for his perfect Recovery. The Elector Palatine has given Orders for the like to be done throughout his Territories. The Quota of Men which this City is to furniſh towards the Imperial Army, are ordered to march forthwith to the *Upper Rhine*. Several Bridges are laid over the *Maeſe* at *Ruremonde*, for the *Engliſh* Forces which are to paſs that River there, in their March to the *Moſelle*. Four Battalions are to be drawn out of the Gariſons of *Duſſeldorp* and *Juliers*, and to march the ſame way. A conſiderable number of Horſes have lately paſſed by here, being ſent towards the *Moſelle* for the uſe of the Confederate Forces on that ſide.

Bruſſels, May 7. The *French* and *Spaniſh* Forces in theſe Parts are all in motion, and advance towards the Frontiers, in order to obſerve the Confederate Troops. The Regiment of Horſe of *Fraiſin* is lately marched out of this City, and is quartered along the River *Sambre*, near the Abbey of *Floret*. Three other *French* Regiments are ſince arrived here from *Germany*. The Marſhal *de Villeroy* has been lately at *Namure*, and has reviewed the Forces in Gariſon there, conſiſting of 4 Regiments of Foot, and one of Dragoons; one of the former is to march out into the Field in a day or two.

Plimouth, May 6. Her Majeſty's Ship the *Worceſter* brought in here yeſterday as Prize a Dogger of *Nants*, laden with Proviſions, and bound for the *Weſt-Indies*. The ſame day came in here the *Freede* from *Rotterdam*. This day came in the *Secretarius* of *Tonningen*, laden